

HR 1771

Divided Families Reunification Act

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]

Party: Democratic • **State:** NY • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (44 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Mar 14, 2019
Rep. Bass, Karen [D-CA-37]	D · CA		Mar 14, 2019
Rep. Cisneros, Gilbert Ray, Jr. [D-CA-39]	D · CA		Mar 14, 2019
Rep. Gabbard, Tulsi [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Mar 14, 2019
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Mar 14, 2019
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Mar 14, 2019
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Mar 14, 2019
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Mar 14, 2019
Rep. Woodall, Rob [R-GA-7]	R · GA		Mar 14, 2019
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Mar 21, 2019
Rep. Ocasio-Cortez, Alexandria [D-NY-14]	D · NY		Mar 21, 2019
Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Mar 21, 2019
Rep. Beyer, Donald S., Jr. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Omar, Ilhan [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Apr 2, 2019
Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Apr 12, 2019
Rep. Levin, Andy [D-MI-9]	D · MI		May 7, 2019
Rep. Kim, Andy [D-NJ-3]	D · NJ		May 24, 2019
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Jun 3, 2019
Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]	D · CA		Jun 3, 2019
Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Jun 10, 2019
Rep. Mast, Brian J. [R-FL-18]	R · FL		Jun 18, 2019
Rep. Engel, Eliot L. [D-NY-16]	D · NY		Jun 19, 2019
Rep. Clay, Wm. Lacy [D-MO-1]	D · MO		Jun 24, 2019
Rep. Porter, Katie [D-CA-45]	D · CA		Jun 27, 2019
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Jul 9, 2019
Rep. Rouda, Harley [D-CA-48]	D · CA		Jul 9, 2019
Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Jul 9, 2019
Rep. Green, Al [D-TX-9]	D · TX		Jul 11, 2019
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Jul 12, 2019
Rep. Graves, Tom [R-GA-14]	R · GA		Jul 17, 2019
Rep. Zeldin, Lee M. [R-NY-1]	R · NY		Jul 17, 2019
Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52]	D · CA		Jul 25, 2019
Rep. Pressley, Ayanna [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Sep 6, 2019
Rep. Schneider, Bradley Scott [D-IL-10]	D · IL		Sep 10, 2019
Rep. Castro, Joaquin [D-TX-20]	D · TX		Oct 28, 2019
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Oct 29, 2019
Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Oct 30, 2019
Rep. Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-5]	D · NY		Oct 30, 2019
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Nov 1, 2019
Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Nov 8, 2019
Rep. Spanberger, Abigail Davis [D-VA-7]	D · VA		Nov 8, 2019

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Gomez, Jimmy [D-CA-34]	D · CA		Jan 7, 2020
Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-43]	D · CA		Feb 18, 2020
Rep. Taylor, Van [R-TX-3]	R · TX		Mar 9, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 2, 2019
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 10, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 3395	Related bill	Mar 5, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Summary (as of Mar 9, 2020)

Divided Families Reunification Act

This bill directs the Department of State to periodically report to Congress on its consultations with South Korea on potential opportunities to reunite Korean Americans with family in North Korea. The State Department's Special Envoy on North Korean Human Rights Issues shall periodically report to Congress on its consultations with representatives of Korean Americans with family in North Korea on reunification efforts.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 10, 2020:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- **Mar 9, 2020:** Mr. Sires moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Mar 9, 2020:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1547-1548)
- **Mar 9, 2020:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1771.
- **Mar 9, 2020:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Mar 9, 2020:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H1549)
- **Mar 9, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 391 - 0 (Roll no. 92).
- **Mar 9, 2020:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 391 - 0 (Roll no. 92). (text: CR H1547)
- **Mar 9, 2020:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Oct 30, 2019:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Oct 30, 2019:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **Apr 2, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific and Nonproliferation.
- **Mar 14, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 14, 2019:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E307)
- **Mar 14, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.